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The Honorable Todd Apo, Chair and Members Honolulu City Council 530 South King Street Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Chair person Apo and Members of the City Council:

My name is Terri Fujii and I am currently the office managing partner of the Honolulu office of Ernst & Young LLP. I am pleased to offer my support for the confirmation of Mr. Rix Maurer, III as the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services of the City and County of Honolulu.

I have worked with Mr. Maurer for at least the past 15 years in a number of capacities. I have worked with Mr. Maurer while he was the Chief Financial Officer of The Queen's Medical Center, while he was the Chair of the CFO Forum of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii, and as the Chair of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities Hawaii. In his role as the CFO of The Queen's Medical Center, he was responsible for financial reporting, budgeting and revenue management, all of which are applicable to his role as the Director of Budget and Finance. In his role as the Chair of the Healthcare Association of Hawaii CFO Forum, he was responsible for leading the hospital CFOs in Hawaii in dealing with industry issues, meeting with key members of the State government and representing the industry on financial matters. Mr. Maurer was the first Chair of the CFO Forum and led the group in many accomplishments that benefited the healthcare industry and the community. In his role as the Chair of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities of Hawaii, he is responsible for providing guidance and leadership as the organization raises funds to serve those in need in our community.

In each of those roles, Mr. Maurer has demonstrated his commitment and loyalty to the organization and our community; his knowledge and experience in the areas of finance, accounting and budgeting; and his ability to lead, supervise and work with personnel at all levels.

Given Mr. Maurer's extensive background in financial matters and his leadership roles, I believe that Mr. Maurer is the right person to serve as the Director of Budget and Fiscal Services for the City and County of Honolulu.

Sincerely,

Terri Fujii

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